

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 34 of the North Dakota Century  
2 Code, relating to the ~~centralization~~efficiency of administration of occupational boards; to provide  
3 for a report to the legislative management; and to provide an effective date.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1.** A new chapter to title 34 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and  
6 enacted as follows:

7 **Definitions.**

8 1. "Board" means an occupational or professional board established under title 43.

9 2. "Commissioner" means the labor commissioner.

10 **Duties of commissioner.**

11 The commissioner shall ~~administer and provide administrative services~~gather information  
12 regarding the continuing education requirements and the practice of licensing out-of-state  
13 practitioners for each board, the education standards and practices board, and the state board  
14 of law examiners. The commissioner shall analyze the information to develop and update a  
15 strategy for more efficient continuing education requirements and more efficient practices for  
16 licensing out-of-state practitioners. As necessary, the commissioner shall prepare and request  
17 introduction of legislation to implement this strategy.

18 **SECTION 2. LABOR COMMISSIONER - OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS -**  
19 **REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.**

20 1. During the 2023-24 interim, the labor commissioner shall hold meetings with each  
21 occupational board under title 43, the education standards and practices board, and  
22 the state board of law examiners. The topics addressed at the meetings must include  
23 administration of the boards, continuing education, and the licensure of out-of-state  
24 applicants, with a goal of establishing a strategy to ~~centralize administration of the~~

1 ~~boards under the commissioner, to~~ license out-of-state ~~licensees~~practitioners within  
2 ~~seventy-two hours~~three business days of application; and to revise continuing  
3 education requirements to recognize ~~long-practicing professionals~~the contributions of  
4 employers and the opportunities afforded by evolving technology.

5 2. During the 2023-24 interim, the labor commissioner shall provide the legislative  
6 management with periodic reports on the status of the commissioner's implementation  
7 of this section.

8 3. The labor commissioner shall prepare and request introduction of legislation for the  
9 sixty-ninth legislative assembly which provides for ~~centralization of administration of~~  
10 ~~occupational boards under the commissioner,~~ streamlining of licensure of out-of-state  
11 ~~licensees~~practitioners, and revision of continuing education requirements.

12 **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 1 of this Act becomes effective August 1,  
13 ~~2025~~2023.